

Rich in Gold History

Queens Gully Trail



This 6.8km circuit takes you through dense patches of Mallee scrub interspersed by open stretches of Box-Ironbark Forest, a typical combination landscape for Central Victoria.



The best time of year to cycle through these forests is undoubtedly October, when the wildflowers paint the landscape yellow, purple and white, but the observant visitor will be able to find interesting plants and animals throughout the year. Keep your eyes and ears open for the Yellow-plumed Honeyeater, Southern Scrub-robin and Painted Buttonquail, all commonly found in the bush this track meanders through.



The traditional owners of the forests around Wedderburn are the Dja Dja Wurrung people and they refer to the landscapes you see on this bicycle ride as "upside down country". Gold miners have dug it up so often in the past that the soils are now "upside down". There are examples of original goldrush diggings in the gullies along the track, where the round holes remain to this very day, as well as more recent strip mining areas, where all the top soil was removed to be searched for gold. A good example of this strip mining is still visible at Bobsem Hill. You will also pass a diversion channel, built to redirect water to distant dams, needed when the railways were still a major employer in this district.

Restoring the bush is difficult work, especially in "upside down country". Imagine trying to restore a house when the foundation stones or stumps are stored in the loft! Recent fuel reduction burns carried out by Victoria's fire management agencies have helped to stimulate the understorey and shrub layer in a few places. Wattles, Everlasting, Hoppush, Fringe Myrtle and Goodenia have grown back in thickets where there was previously mainly bare ground. If you look carefully, you can still see where the country was burned and where it was not.

Advice for cyclists and walkers



This is a grade 3 track. Users may encounter natural hazards such as steep slopes, unstable surfaces and minor water crossings. Users are responsible for their own safety. Trail is suitable for mountain and hybrid bikes.



Temperatures can be very high in summer: be sure to carry water and apply sunscreen. Beware of vehicles as this cycle track is on a shared road. Toilet facilities are located at Wedderburn's Travellers Rest in Chapel Street.



Colour of trail marker for Queens Gully Trail



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